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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

TRANSMITTAL

(INCLUDING FILING FEE AND/OR PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FEE)

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

To: Commissioner for Patents Box RCE PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket No.:1466.1006
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First Named Inventor	Fumihiro NAMIKI, et al.		
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Application No.	09/473,047	Group Art Unit	2879
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Filing Date	December 28, 1999	Examiner	Sikha Roy
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CPA Filing Date		Confirmation No	9541
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Title of Invention	GAS-DISCHARGE DISPLAY APPARATUS HAVING OPTICAL FILTER SELECTIVELY ABSORBING LIGHT OF A WAVELENGTH EQUAL TO THAT OF THE LIGHT EMISSION OF THE DISCHARGE GAS (AS AMENDED)		
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)

a. Previously submitted

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- Other

b. Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other

2.

Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).

b. Other



	BASIC FEE	\$	770.00
Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>September 2, 2003</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension of time to cover the date this RCE is filed, for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$420); 3 months (\$950); 4 months (\$1,480); 5 months (\$2,010));			950.00
Suspension Fee (\$130.00)			0.00
Total of above Calculations =		\$	1720.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).			
TOTAL FEES DUE =		\$	1720.00

4. Small entity status:
 a. Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.
 b. A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired.
 c. is no longer claimed.
 5. Other:

6. METHOD OF PAYMENT

A check in the amount of \$ \$1720.00 is enclosed.
 Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. (A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.)

7. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application and of any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 to maintain pendency hereof and of any such related application to:
Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

8. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

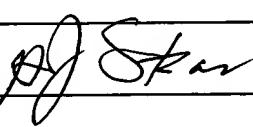
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9. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

NAME	H. J. Staas	REGISTRATION NO.	22,010
SIGNATURE		DATE	December 2, 2003

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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The subject Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently with an RCE, in response to the final rejection herein mailed June 2, 2003 and which set a three month period for response, expiring September 2, 2003. A Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and related fee are filed concurrently in accordance with which this Preliminary Amendment is timely filed with the aforesaid RCE as of December 2, 2003.

Please AMEND the above-identified application, as follows:

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